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**Amendments to the Title**

Please amend the Title to read:

-- APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ~~CONTROLLING SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION~~  
~~USING A BACK CHANNEL~~ DISTRIBUTING SIGNALS BY DOWN-  
CONVERTING TO VACANT CHANNELS --

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US2004/007270, filed March 9, 2004, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on September 23, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application No. 60/453,763, filed March 11, 2003 and United States provisional patent application No. 60/453,491, filed March 11, 2003. --